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Ms. Lisa Dorsey Wild
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Re: Denver Federal Center, Master Site Plan FEIS;
CEQ# 20080036

Dear Ms. Wild:

In accordance with our responsibilities and authorities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the Region 8 office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed and is providing comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Denver Federal Center Master Site Plan FEIS.

Our review found the FEIS responsive to many of EPA's comments on the Draft EIS. In particular, we are satisfied with your proposed resolution of conformity issues for carbon monoxide. Your recommendation that General Service Administration work with the City of Lakewood, Denver Regional Council of Governments and the State Air Pollution and Control Division to ensure that trips and emissions are included in future regional planning efforts and updates to the State Implementation Plan will resolve this issue.

However, EPA's DEIS comment concerning air quality construction related impacts to the nearby hospital and schools in the vicinity of the Federal Center was not adequately addressed in the Final EIS. In future EISs, EPA would like to see a map showing the locations of nearby hospitals, schools, and other facilities that serve sensitive populations as well as a wind-rose showing the historic frequency, direction and speed of winds in the local area. EPA recommends the Record of Decision state that these local facilities will be given a contact phone number to report any nuisance dust or fumes possibly related to the construction site. With this information, corrective action can be taken to minimize construction related air quality impacts to these facilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments at this stage of the project. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our comments, please contact me (303-312-6004) or Robin Coursen (303-312-6695) of my staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Larry Svoboda
Director, NEPA Program
Office of Ecosystems Protection and Remediation

